(b) if so, the time by which the work is likely to be started;

(c) whether there is a proposal totally ban the mcvement of trucks in view of the deteriorating condition of the bridge and very heavy traffic; and

(d) if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir. The government have sanctioned funds for strengthening of the bridge.

(b) The work is likely to start by the end of December, 1991.

(c) and (d). No, Sir. The condition of the bridge is safe for normal vehicular traffic. However, certain load and speed restrictions on the bridge have been enforced in view of the increased traffic.

Widening of Delhi-Noida Link road of Nizamuddin Bridge

214. SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether sanction has been accorded for widening of the Delhi-Noida link road of Nizamuddin bridge;

(b) if so, the time by which the work is likely to start;

(c) whether the Government have received any representation for improvement of the road junction of Samachar Bridge; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Delhi Administration in this regard so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b). Constitutionally this Ministry is responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways only. All other roads/bridges are essentially the responsibility of the State Govts/Union Territories concerned. The project in question is being executed by Delhi Administration. According to the information received from them, estimate for the work has been considered in the Standing Finance Committee, but formal sanction is still awaited. In view of this a firrn date about start cannot be given at present.

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir. The bridge and approach to the bridge have been constructed by Delhi Development Authority. However, on receipt, of this representation, Delhi Administration have provided a gap in the central verge of NOIDA Link road to provide facility to users of this bridge.

Maintenance and Repair of ITO, Nizamuddin and Wazirabad Bridges

215. SHRI JEEWAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether ITO, Nizamuddin and Wazirabad bridges are fast wearing out needing immediate repairs and the proposals for new bridges are nowhere to lmaterialise fast enough; and

(b) if so, the reasons for not repairing the old bridges in time and the delay in the construction of more bridges over Yamuna to ensure free flow of traffic to trans-Yamuna colonies where one third of the population of Delhi resides?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): Constitutionally this Ministry is responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways only. All "Other Roads" are essentially the respon-